

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: **Making Sintered, Iron-Based** )  
**Alloy Parts by Using Boron-** )  
**Containing Master Alloys** )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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